

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

**COMPOSITE MATERIAL CONSISTING COMPOSED OF A METAL MATRIX AND
OF TALC**

*Please insert the following on page 1, after the title of the invention and
between lines 3 and 4:*

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a §371 application of International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2003/003625, filed December 8, 2003, and published in French on July 29, 2004, as International Publication No. WO 2004/063428 A2, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. 02/15507, filed December 9, 2002. The disclosures of these applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention:--

Page 1, after line 6, please insert:

--Description of the Related Art:--

Page 2, after line 17, please insert:

--Summary of the Invention--

Page 2, after line 35, please insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

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